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1. CLASHES REPORTED ON HIGHWAYS 30 AND 38 LEADING INTO PHNOM PENH SUBURB OF TAKHMAU; FIGHTING ALSO REPORTED NORTH AND FURTHER SOUTH OF PP. US BOMBERS FLEW MISSIONS TO WITHIN 7 MILES OF CAPITAL (WP, NYT). IN PEKING BROADCAST, SIHANOUK WARNED "FOREIGN POWERS" TO "GIVE UP COMPLETELY, AND FOREVER, MEDDLING WITH CAMBODIAN AFFAIRS WHICH HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM" (SUN). GKR ANNOUNCES GENERAL MOBILIZATION OF ALL MALES BETWEEN 18 AND 35 (NYDN, CHITRIB).

2. ISAACS (SUN) REPORTS CAMBODIANS GRIPPED BY FEAR AS CLOCK RUNS OUT ON BOMBING. IMPRESSION IS THAT FOR DISHEARTENED KHMER ARMY, END TO US BOMBING IS TOO FRIGHTENING A THOUGHT TO FACE - AND A MONTH TOO FAR IN FUTURE TO THINK ABOUT. AT HIGHER LEVELS IN ARMY AND GOVERNMENT, REALITY IS FINALLY BEGINNING TO BREAK THROUGH WALL OF WISHFUL THINKING- OFFICIALLY, GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMS IT WILL CARRY ON FIGHT WITHOUT US SUPPORT, BUT GOSSIP HAS IT MANY GENERALS HAVE SENT THEIR FAMILIES TO PARIS.

3. SCHANBERG (NYT) REPORTS AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES IN PP SAY PRESIDENT SENT LON NOL LETTER INVITING HIM TO COME TO US FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT, BUT LATTER DECLINED INVITATION, REPORTEDLY IN BELIEF IT WAS MOVE TO EASE HIM OUT OF POWER. MANY KHMER AND US VIEW LON NOL AS STANDING IN WAY OF EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH KI AND SIHANOUK. WORDING OF NIXON LETTER - WHETHER IT WAS GENTLY PHRASED INVITATION OR SOMETHING STRONGER- REINFORCES REPORTS THAT US IS PREPARED TO ABANDON LON NOL GOVERNMENT IF THAT IS PRICE OF CEASEFIRE. RUMORS ABOUND THAT OFFER WAS REPEATED BY WEYAND ON RECENT VISIT; DESPITE REFUSAL, SITUATION FLUID AND LON NOL MIGHT STILL BE PERSUADED TO LEAVE.

4. B-52 PILOT, WHO REFUSED ORDER TO FLY MISSION OVER
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CAMBODIA, SENT TO WESTOVER AFB WHILE AF CONTINUES INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF COURT-MARTIAL WARRANTED (NYT, WP).

5. EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE OF SECRET CAMBODIAN BOMBING STORY. IN LETTER TO SYMINGTON, SECDEF SCHLESINGER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT B-52S WERE SECRETLY BOMBING CAMBODIA PRIOR TO MAY 1970 INCURSION; MISSIONS "FULLY AUTHORIZED"

BY SENIOR MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON. PENTAGON SPOKESMAN FRIEDHEIM SAID DECISION TO KEEP BOMBING SECRET PROBABLY APPROVED BY NSC. SCHLESINGER SAID RAIDS NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION OF US SERVICEMEN AND THAT BECAUSE OF "SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL AND DIPLO-MATIC SITUATION, SPECIAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WERE TAKEN TO INSURE THAT THE OPERATIONS WOULD NOT BE COMPROMISED". SOME OF THOSE PRECAUTIONS INCLUDED FALSIFYING HIGHLY CLASSIFIED MISSION REPORTS AND BURNING THE ACTUAL ONES, ACCORDING TO TESTIMONY BY EX-AF MAJOR KNIGHT. GENERAL BROWN, IN SEPARATE LETTER TO SYMINGTON, SAID IT IS INACCURATE TO CALL THE BOMBING REPORTS "FALSE" AS LONG AS "THEY WERE NOT INTENDED TO DECEIVE THOSE WITH A SECURITY NEED-TO-KNOW". KNIGHT TESTIFIED A SUPERIOR OFFICER TOLD HIM FALSIFICATION WAS TO KEEP FACTS FROM FULBRIGHT, AND THAT WHILE HE HAD NO FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE, HE HAD LEARNED OF SIMILAR FALSIFICATIONS INVOLVING B-52 MISSIONS INTO LAOS AND NVN, PERHAPS AS EARLY AS 1 968. SEN. HUGHES CHARGED "OFFICIAL DECEPTION," CITING A DOD REPORT, SENT TO THE COMMITTEE BY ELLIOT RICHARDSON ONLY A MONTH AGO, WHICH FAILED TO SHOW ANY CAMBODIAN BOMBING BEFORE MAY 1970. FRIEDHEIM ALSO SAID THE ADMINISTRATION WAS "RELATIVELY CONFIDENT THE PUBLIC WOULD SUPPORT ACTION TAKEN TO PROTECT OUR FORCES" IF THE RAIDS HAD BECOME KNOWN, AND THAT "KEY MEMBERS" OF CONGRESS, WHOM HE DID NOT IDENTIFY, WERE AWARE OF RAIDS AT THAT TIME (NYT, WP, SUN, CHITRIB, NYDN).

6. BUTTERFIELD (NYT) REPORTS TWO CANDEL OFFICERS RELEASED BY VC TOLD THEIR SUPERIORS THEY HAVE "NO DOUBT" COMMUNISTS HAD ORDERS TO ARREST AND MISTREAT UNCLASSIFIED

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THEM, AS WAY OF HARASSING CANDEL. COMMUNIST INTERROGATORS AND OTHER GUERRILLAS THEY MET HAD INDICATED THAT THEY WERE "OUT TO GET THE CANADIANS". SENIOR CANDEL OFFICIAL SAYS TESTIMONY "CONFIRMS OUR SUSPICION THAT THE WHOLE ICCS WAS A FARCE FROM THE BEGINNING" (CHITRIB, CSM).

7. LIPPMAN (WP) REPORTS FROM SAIGON ON STRUGGLE BETWEEN THIEU AND LABOR UNIONS. GVN CLAIMS IT HAS DOCUMENTARY PROOF THAT 4 ARRESTED UNION LEADERS WERE PLANNING TO FORM COMMUNIST-DOMINATED LABOR ORGANIZATION. OTHERS SEE IT AS ATTEMPT BY THIEU TO CRUSH UNION RESISTANCE TO HIS NEW DEMOCRACY PARTY. UNION LEADER NGUYEN VAN CUOT IN HIDING, TELLS LIPPMAN THAT DESPITE HIS PROFESSED ANTI-COMMUNISM, HE REJECTS

GVN AS "POLICE STATE", REGARDS THE WAR AS OUTDATED RELIC THAT IS IRRELEVANT IN CURRENT INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT, AND HOPES FOR US PRESSURE TO FORCE THIEU TO REACH POLITICAL SETTLEMENT WITH NLF.

8. THREE US AND ONE CANADIAN CONCERN WON CONCESSIONS TO EXPLORE FOR OIL OFF SHORE SVN. AP REPORTS SHELL, MOBIL, EXXON, AND SUNNINGDALE GROUP EACH WON BLOCKS (NYT, WSJ).

9. DAVIS (CSM) IN CONTINUING SERIES ON REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SITES IN QUANG TRI, REMARKS ON THE SPONTANEOUS ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE REFUGEES IN REBUILDING THEIR LIVES, AND ON THE PEOPLE-ORIENTED APPROACH OF COL. HA MAI VIET WHO IS IN CHARGE OF RESETTLEMENT THERE.

10. GWERTZMAN (NYT) REPORTS ON A BOARD MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE ASSOCIATION. THE ASSOCIATION REFUSED TO ENDORSE THE ADMINISTRATION'S VIEW THAT THE REJECTION BY THE SFRC LAST WEEK OF AMB. GODLEY WAS AN A(T OF RETRIBUTION FOR HIS LOYAL CARRYING OUT OF POLICIES IN LAOS. BUT IN A STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER THE CLOSED MEETING, THE ASSOCIATION ALSO SAID THAT THE REJECTION HAD GENERATED CONCERN IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE, AND IT SOUGHT CLARIFICATION FROM THE COMMITTEE OF ITS MOTIVES, AND REQUESTED UNCLASSIFIED

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"ASSURANCES THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT REJECT FUTURE CAREER NOMINEES BECAUSE OF THEIR RECORD OF CARRYING OUT POLICIES LAID DOWN BY THE ADMINISTRATION THAT HAPPENS TO BE IN OFFICE AT THE TIME". FEELING IN THE DEPARTMENT IS MIXED, WITH MANY OFFICERS, PARTICULARLY AT THE MIDDLE AND JUNIOR LEVELS, CONTENDING THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS JUSTIFIED IN REJECTING ON POLICY GROUNDS ANYONE IT WANTED TO REJECT FOR A POLICY MAKING POSITION.

JAPAN

11. AT ECONCOM, OHIRA SUGGESTS US SHOULD EXERCISE MORE DISCIPLINE IN MANAGEMENT OF ECONOMY AND LOOSEN EXPORT CONTROLS. AP FINDS HIS STATEMENTS "IRONICALLY REMINISCENT OF PAST MEETINGS" WHEN US PERSISTENTLY PORTRAYED JAPAN AS CLOSED ECONOMY AND URGED IT TO REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE (CHITRIB, NYDN; NYT, TRUMBULL). TRUMBULL NOTES THAT THIS MEETING HAS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE AS PRELUDE TO NIXON-TANAKA TALKS, AND ALSO AS PRELIMINARY FORUM FOR SEPT. GATT MEETING IN TOKYO.

12. OBERDORFER (WP) OBSERVES THAT ROGERS AND OTHER SENIOR US OFFICIALS AT ECONCOM WERE SUBJECTED TO BARRAGE OF JAPANESE CRITICISM FOR ALLEGED US DEFICIENCIES AS TRADING PARTNER, WITH STRONGEST CRITICISM CENTERING AROUND US RESTRICTIONS ON SOYBEAN EXPORTS. SUGGESTS SOME OF OPEN IRRITATION AT US EXPORT CURBS MAY BE FORM OF ECONOMIC GAMESMANSHIP INTENDED TO BLUNT US DEMANDS FOR ADDITIONAL JAPANESE TRADE REFORMS. TONE AND SUBSTANCE OF YESTERDAY'S DISCUSSIONS APPEAR TO REFLECT GROWING JAPANESE PSYCHOLOGICAL INDEPENDENCE FROM US SHADOW; FOR WHILE IN MANY PREVIOUS SITUATIONS JAPANESE HAVE BEEN CLEARLY IRKED BY US ACTIONS OR OMISSIONS, "UNTIL RECENTLY, THEY HAVE BEEN LESS INCLINED TO SAY, OR DO MUCH ABOUT IT, OFFICIALLY AND PUBLICLY."

13. POND (CSM), IN TOKYO, SEES US AND JAPAN AT ECONCOM MOVING AWAY FROM BILATERAL ECONOMIC CONFRONTATION. UNCLASSIFIED

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TION TOWARD BROADER MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS INVOLVING OTHER COUNTRIES. NEXT QUESTION, TO BE ANSWERED IN NIXON-TANAKA TALKS, IS WHETHER THIS SHIFT IS IN WORDS ONLY OR WILL BE ENDORSED BY US IN SUBSEQUENT POLICY.

CHINA

14. MAGNUSON HAS NO DOUBT THAT CODEL TRIP HAS BEEN "TREMENDOUS SUCCESS," AND FEELS IT WILL BEAR FRUIT IN NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE (NYT, CHITRIB).

15. WP'S CONROY A MCCARDLE REPORT PRCLO IS NEGOTIATING PURCHASE OF "EMBASSY ROW" RESIDENCE IN 500,000 RANGE OWNED BY PHIL STERN. TEN-BEDROOM BRICK HOUSE HAS SWIMMING POOL, TENNIS COURT, SEVEN BATH ROOMS, AND COVERS THREE-FOURTH OF ACRE JUST OFF MASS. AVE. IF THEY BUY, CHINESE WOULD BUILD ADDITIONAL LIVING QUARTERS ON PROPERTY. BUT ONE SOURCE STRESSES THAT PRC WOULD REGARD ANY PROPERTY PURCHASE AS "STOPGAP" MEASURE AND CONSIDERS ESTATE CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY ROC AMBASSADOR AS PEKING'S.

16. SOME 5,000 CHINESE PLUNGE INTO PEKING'S KUMMING LAKE TO MARK SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAO'S YANGTZE SWIM. TO SOUND OF CYMBALS AND GONGS, SWIMMERS IN FORMATION PUSHED MAO PORTRAITS AND FLOATS BEARING SLOGANS ACROSS LAKE (REUTER, NYT).

17. PRC AND USSR AGREE TO BEGIN REGULAR DIRECT AIRLINE FLIGHTS BETWEEN PEKING AND MOSCOW, TASS ANNOUNCES. BOTH WILL USE ILYUSHIN-62 (RUETER, KAISER).

KOREA

18. MANCHESTER-GUARDIAN'S WHEYMANT, IN TOKYO, SAYS FORMER ROK CIA CHIEF KIM HYONG WOOK IS REPORTED HIDING IN NY AREA SINCE HE LEFT SK SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. DOS CHECK SHOWED KIM HAD NOT OFFICIALLY APPLIED FOR ASYLUM AT END OF LAST WEEK, BUT DOS OFFICIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORTEDLY SAID HE UNDERSTOOD KIM HAS SOUGHT REFUGE. ADDS THAT FOR MAN OF KIM'S IMPORTANCE, IT IS TO BE EXPECTED THAT SEOUL WILL TRY ALL MEANS TO SECURE HIS RETURN (WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

19. ROOTS (LAT, 7/16) SAYS NO FINAL SETTLEMENT IN CAMBODIA, OR IN INDOCHINA AS A WHOLE, CAN BE ARRANGED WITHOUT SIHANOUK'S INVOLVEMENT. ON PREVIOUS KISSINGER TRIPS TO PEKING, SIHANOUKS REQUESTS FOR MEETING WERE TURNED DOWN. NOW SIHANOUK HAS - AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT - TURNED KISSINGER DOWN. DESPITE CURRENT US-PRC DETENTE, CHINA IS IN A STRONG POSITION TO INSIST THAT A MAJOR CONDITION OF THAT DETENTE - US WITHDRAWAL FROM INDOCHINA - BE CARRIED OUT IN TOTO. ROOTS PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF SIHANOUK: CAMBODIAN PATRIOT, NATIONALIST AND NEUTRALIST. PRINCE TRAPPED FOR YEARS IN A FURIOUS STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE GREAT POWERS, NEVERTHELESS SUCCEEDED TO AN EXTRAORDINARY DEGREE IN PRESERVING CAMBODIA'S INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. ANYONE ALERT TO THE TRENDS OF HISTORY MUST RECOGNIZE IN HIM A SERIOUS STATESMAN OF UNCOMMON IMAGINATION AND SENSITIVITY, WITH WHOM WE SHOULD BE MAKING COMMON CAUSE. IF THE US DESIRES TO REGAIN GROUND LOST DURING PAST 18 MONTHS IT MUST ABANDON COLD-WAR POWER POLITICS IN CAMBODIA.

20. GLOBE (JULY 17) HAS NO QUARREL WITH SFRC'S REJECTION OF GODLEY AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY, BUT WONDERS WHY FULBRIGHT GROUP APPROVED SULLIVAN, WHOSE "DEFECTS" MATCH GODLEY'S "IN ALL OF THE RESPECTS THAT ARE PERTINENT IN THIS SITUATION." THEY "NOT ONLY IMPLEMENTED THE WAR AND BOMBING POLICIES IN INDOCHINA, THEY HELPED INITIATE THEM." INSISTS

THIS MAKES SULLIVAN APPROVAL "ALL THE MORE CURIOUS
UNLESS, PERHAPS, HIS THINKING HAS TAKEN A 180-DEGREE
TURN." SULLIVAN WAS INTERVENTIONIST IN VIETNAM,
"AND THE ONE THING ABOVE ALL THAT MUST BE AVOIDED
IN THE TURBULENT PHILIPPINES" IS "KIND OF US
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INTERVENTION OVER WHICH HE PRESIDED IN VIETNAM."
20. CHICAGO DAILY NEWS (JULY 13), COMMENTING
ON SFRC VOTE THAT "STRUCK DOWN" GODLEY, VOICES
SYMPATHY FOR THIS "CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO HAS PERFORMED
ABLY, IF SOMEWHAT CONTROVERSIALY, FOR HIS COUNTRY"
ONLY TO BECOME "ANOTHER CASUALTY WHO HAS HAD THE
MISFORTUNE TO BE CAUGHT IN THE QUAGMIRE OF
INDOCHINA." NOTES THAT REJECTION WAS TIED MORE TO
SUSPICION AND ENMITY FOR PRESIDENT'S SEA POLICY
THAN GODLEY'S QUALIFICATIONS. WITH HIS WIDE ME
AND AFRICA EXPERIENCE, GODLEY "SHOULD SURVIVE THIS
SKIRMISH TO CONTINUE HIS CAREER".

21. IN TOKYO, KEYES BEECH (CDN,JULY4-15) CITES
VIEW OF SOME OBSERVERS THERE THAT "NOTHING MUCH
WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED" AT ECONCOM "THAT COULDN'T
HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IF EVERYBODY HAD STAYED HOME --
ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE TIME AND EXPENSE INVOLVED."
SUGGESTS THAT PERHAPS CHIEF VALUE OF CONFERENCE
"IS THAT BOTH SIDES WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
PERSONALLY AIR THEIR ECONOMIC COMPLAINTS AGAINST
EACH OTHER." MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, ECONCOM
"SYMBOLIZES THE CHANGED RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN
JAPAN AND US. CONFERENCE WAS CONCEIVED IN EARLY
JFK DAYS AS MEANS OF MAKING JAPANESE FEEL "MORE
EQUAL." BUT DURING LAST DECADE, JAPAN HAS BECOME
SO RICH AND POWERFUL "THAT IT IS EQUAL INDEED --
SOMETIMES UNCOMFORTABLY SO. INSTEAD OF JAPAN
SEEKING FAVORS FROM WASHINGTON, IT IS OFTEN THE
OTHER WAY AROUND."

22. LAT'S JAMESON (JULY 16), IN TOKYO, OBSERVES
THAT IN ECONOMIC SENSE, "EVERYWHERE -- AND WITH
ASTONISHING SPEED -- THE JAPANESE PRESENCE BEGINS
TO BE FELT" AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND BUSINESS
FIRMS AROUND THE WORLD "BEGIN TO LOOK AT TOKYO" AS
SOURCE OF CAPITAL. STUDY OF JAPANESE ECONOMIC
ACTIVITIES ABROAD AND INTERVIEWS WITH TOP INDUSTRIALISTS
AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS UNDERSCORE ONE FACT ABOVE ALL:
CURRENT EXPANSION OF JAPAN'S ECONOMIC MIGHT
ABROAD "IS JUST A SAMPLE OF WHAT IS TO COME." YET,
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NO CLOSE OBSERVER OF JAPAN EXPECTS ALL THIS BURGEONING ECONOMIC MIGHT TO BE TRANSLATED INTO POLITICAL OR DIPLOMATIC FORCE -- AT LEAST, NOT BY 1980. "THERE IS, IN SHORT, NO 'GRAND PLAN,' NOR DOES ONE EVEN APPEAR TO BE IN THE MAKING."

23. THE SUN, CITING "THE ABRUPT, LAST-MINUTE DECISION" OF SHULTZ AND BUTZ NOT TO ATTEND ECONCOM, AND THE US CURB ON SOYBEAN EXPORTS TO JAPAN, OBSERVES THAT "A PROPENSITY FOR AFFRONTING THE JAPANESE SEEMS TO BE ONE OF THE FEW CONSTANTS IN NIXON ADMINISTRATION FOREIGN POLICY." NOTES THAT ROGERS, "AS IS HIS WONT, IS TRYING MANFULLY TO SMOOTH RUFFLED FEATHERS." BUT OHIRA'S BLUNT ADVICE THAT THE US SHOULD "EXERCISE AN INCREASING DEGREE OF DISCIPLINE IN MANAGING ITS OWN ECONOMY" IS "UNERRINGLY ON THE MARK", AND "FLIP-FLOP ECONOMIC POLICIES CREATE UNCERTAINTIES ABROAD AS WELL AS AT HOME THAT ARE CORROSIVE TO THE US WORLD POSITION."

24. PEPPER (SUN), IN TOKYO, FINDS JAPANESE OFFICIALS "CLEARLY. . . SURPRISED, SOMEWHAT BEWILDERED AND, IN THE WORDS OF ONE AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE, 'EVEN EMBARRASSED'" BY ROGERS' ARESS ENDORSING TANAKA'S SEVEN-MONTH-OLD CALL FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC COUNTRIES. JGING BY OTHER PARTS OF SECRETARY'S LENGTHY STATEMENT, AND BY COMMENTS OF SOURCES CLOSE TO THE US DELEGATION, PEPPER CLAIMS THAT ONE OF THE AIMS APPARENTLY WAS TO OFFER A SUBSTITUTE SET OF US-JAPAN COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS TO THE POLICY OF US-JAPAN COMPETITIVE RELATIONSHIPS ADVOCATED BY KISSINGER. ROGERS "APPEARED TO BE TELLING JAPAN THAT THE US

WOULD SUPPORT A MORE ACTIVE JAPANESE POLITICAL ROLE IN ASIA -- BUT ONE THAT WAS IN CLOSE HARMONY WITH THE US." HE ALSO APPEARED TACITLY TO BE TELLING CHINA AND THE SMALL SEA STATES THAT US-JAPANESE HARMONY WOULD ACT AS A BUFFER AGAINST TOO MUCH JAPANESE INFLUENCE. PEPPER SUGGESTS THAT ROGERS' ENDORSEMENT OF TANAKA'S PROPOSAL POTENTIALLY HAS

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VAST IMPLICATIONS -- SUGGESTING AN ACTIVE US ROLE, BY BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE BUSINESS, IN CO-OPERATION WITH GOJ AND JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN,

TO PROMOTE CONTINUED ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGHOUT THE FAR EAST, INCLUDING CHINA. PEPPER REPORTS THAT HIS ATTEMPTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ROGERS' STATEMENT HAS ADMINISTRATION BACKING CAME TO NAUGHT. BUT PRIVATELY, SOURCES CLOSE TO US DELEGATION SAID IT REFLECTED VIEWS OF DOS JAPANESE SPECIALISTS; "AS ONE PUT IT, REFERRING TO DR. KISSINGER, 'IF YOU THINK WE'RE SAYING WE KNOW MORE ABOUT JAPAN THAN THE "GERMANS," YOU'RE RIGHT.'"

25. MICHAEL DOBBS (GLOBE, JULY 15) SEES PEKING'S NUCLEAR PROGRESS LEADING RUSSIA TO PROTECT ITS WESTERN FLANK BY NEW PERIOD OF CO-OPERATION CHARACTERIZED BY RECENT NIXON-BREZHNEV TALKS. AT SAME TIME, MOSCOW IS KEEPING OPEN OPTION FOR DIRECT INTERVENTION AGAINST CHINA.

26. REVIEWING APPARENT SOVIET CONCERN OVER PRC'S GROWING NUCLEAR PROWESS, CSM SEES SITUATION POSING TWO "DON'TS" FOR US: "DON'T DO ANYTHING WHICH WOULD GIVE THE RUSSIANS A SENSE OF DESPERATION . . . DON'T DO ANYTHING WHICH WOULD MAKE AN ATTACK ON CHINA SEEM SAFE OR EASY. THAT MEANS DON'T STAND ASIDE AND LET THE KREMLIN THINK THAT WASHINGTON WOULDN'T CARE. WE NOTE WITH SATISFACTION THAT WASHINGTON IS CAREFULLY, AND WE THINK SKILLFULLY, HEEDING THESE RULES. IT IS BEING MORE FRIENDLY THAN EVER TOWARD THE SOVIET . . . BUT MR. KISSINGER WILL SHORTLY BE GOING AGAIN TO PEKING. AND THE WELCOME MAT IS OUT IN WASHINGTON" FOR MAO AND CHOU "WHENEVER THEY ARE READY TO COME."

27 ZORZA (WP) DETECTS FROM LATEST ISSUE OF RED FLAG THAT PRC POWER STRUGGLE CONTINUES BETWEEN FACTION WANTING TO BUILD COUNTRY INDUSTRIALLY AND ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL STANDING, AND OTHERS WHO WOULD CONCENTRATE ON LESSENING TURMOIL AND ON ADEQUATE FOOD AND CLOTHING FOR PEASANTS. REVIVAL OF ARGUMENT MEANS THAT OPPONENTS OF MAO'S PEASANT-ORIENTED POLICY, FAR FROM HAVING BEEN DECISIVELY DEFEATED WHEN LIN PIAO FELL, ARE AGAIN TRYING TO SNATCH POWER.
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28. GERI STEINER, ONE OF 10 AMERICANS WHO SPENT MONTH IN CHINA AS GUESTS OF NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ASSN., FOUND THAT SOCIAL CONFLICTS GET PROMPT REMEDIAL ATTENTION, WHITE-COLLAR CRIMINALS ARE PUNISHED TWICE AS SEVERELY AS COMMON THIEVES, AND EX-CONS CARRY NO STIGMA. PAROLE AND PROBATION ARE EXTENSIVELY USED, DEATH SENTENCES SELDOM CARRIED OUT (GLOBE, JULY 15).

29. PRINGLE INTERVIEWS SIHANOUK IN PEKING. PRINCE SAID: "I

WASH MY HANDS OF THE STATE OF AFFAIRS AFTER PP IS LIBERATED.
LET THE KHMER ROUGE TAKE OVER THE RUNNING OF THE COUNTRY."
DISILLUSIONED WITH PP, BETRAYED BY HIS BEST FRIENDS THERE,
HE WOULD RESIDE AT ANGKOR AND TRAVEL, WHEN LON NOL FALLS. IF
HE CANNOT "GET ON" WITH KHMER ROUGE, HE WOULD RETURN TO LIVE
IN CHINA AND NK (REUTER 17TH).
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